Uranium Deposits

2426. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has tied up the medium term fuel supplies for nuclear energy programme of generating 13,000 m.w. of power;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that country is developing Indigenous air borne survey instruments to locate more deposits of Uranium; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Present nuclear programme envisages reaching 13000 MWe generation capacity by 2013. We expect this capacity to be made up of a mix of Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs), Light Water Reactors (LWRs) and Fast Breeder Reactors (FBRs). While fuel for PHWRs would be supplied from indigenous mines, fuel for LWRs would need to be imported. FBR would run on recycled fuel materials.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) India is developing Air Borne Survey instruments indigenously to locate more deposits of Uranium. The development is done jointly by various constituent R&D Units and PSU of this Department as well as other institutions. The system being developed is called Airborne Time Domain Electromagnetic Survey System with a capability to identify the presence of uranium deposits located below ground level.

Government dues on Coal Companies

2427. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large amount of money is to be paid by various Government owned companies including NTPC/power plants to public sector coal companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken/proposed to be taken to clear the

dues by Government owned companies to these coal companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Total sum outstanding (Undisputed dues) as reported by Coal India Limited as on 30.11.2005 amounts to Rs. 1879.67 crores (Provisional). Details of total outstanding as on 30.11.2005 from SEBs and NTPC are as under:—

(Rupees in crores)

SI. No	Name of the SEBs	Outstanding Dues on 30.11.2005.
1.	Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB)	196.26
2.	Jharkhand State Electricity Board (JSEB)	72.20
3.	Uttar Pradesh Rajya Utpadan Nigam Ltd	35.35
4.	Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB)	235.62
5.	Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board (TNEB)	163.70
6.	Rajasthan Rajya Utpadan Nigam Ltd. (RRVUNL)	25.76
7.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB)	78.36
8.	Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPEB)	604.43
9.	Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board (CSEB)	48.72
10.	Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GEB)	27.07
11.	West Bengal State Electricity Board. (WBSEB)	2.69
12.	West Bengal Power Development Corporation	150.17
13.	Andhra Pradesh Power Gen. Corporation Co.	2.44
14.	Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL)	11.02
15.	Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB)	2.01
16.	National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)	223.87
	Total	**1879.67**

(c) The Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power jointly appoint Umpires to settle the disputes between SEBs and the coal companies of Coal India Limited. The total amount of award given by Umpires in favour of coal companies amounts to Rs. 1189.61 crores. Bonds amounting to Rs. 2244.52 crores have been issued by the State Governments in favour of Coal companies against the coal sale dues upto 30.9.2003. Regulation of coal supplies is made by the Coal companies if the SEBs do not make payment of coal. Provision of Securitization Scheme has also been insisted for opening of irrevocable letter of credit by the SEBs for payment of coal sale dues.